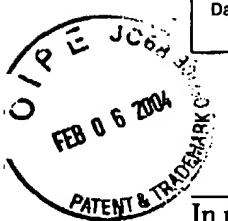


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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated October 6, 2003 (Paper No. 8), finally rejecting claims 1-5, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows. Also submitted herewith is a Request and fee for the appropriate extension of time.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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